# Capital City Capers

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## With a Hey and a Ho and a Hey Nonino!

Spring is finally just about to burst all over us, and with it arrives countless activities to keep our juices flowing.

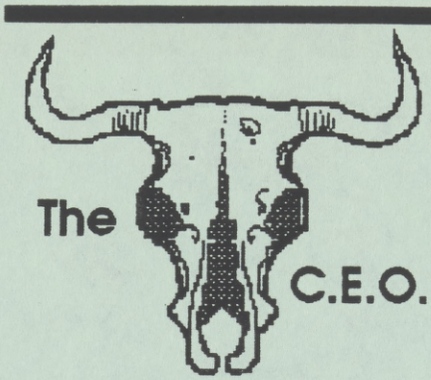
Primary among them is the I.A.G.S.D.C Convention, "Northstar Promenade," in Vancouver, British Columbia, April 12–15. Many of our club members, among whom are several new members, are planning to attend. Now is the time to make sure you are duly registered, housed, and booked on a flight or pogo stick. You won't want to miss this event. Also, be sure to have proof of U.S. citizenship (to get back into Fortress America) in the form of a birth certificate or a passport. You do not want any trouble at U.S. Customs, believe me. But the thing you want to be sure to take with you (aside from your leather for the "Leather Tip") is a friendly attitude. It will get you through broken down squares and allow you to experience the convention to its fullest.

St. Patrick's Day, always a harbinger of Spring (and thoughts of snakes), is the time for Western Star Dancers' Anniversary Dance. This notorious event is always uproarious and a lot of fun. There, you will see many of the dancers from the bay area who have supported our hoedowns and workshops. So, let's show the bay area dancers how much we appreciate their support and how much we like to have fun, too. See the flyer later in this edition of the Capers.

Our anniversary is celebrated at a retreat, this year again at Fife's on the Russian River.

Here, we as a club (with guests from near and far, both dancers and non–dancers) will celebrate ourselves while Harlan Kerr puts us through our paces in a setting where spring truly announces its message of hope and regeneration (sorry, I got carried away).

Also on tap for the spring (no pun intended) are the elections for next year's Board of Directors. Please see the article on this very important event later in this edition of the newsletter.




## Speaks!

Sure 'n' begorra, have we got a lot of fine old partyin' comin' up! What with St. Paddy's Day j'es' a wee bit down the road and the Luck O' the Irish and the mischievousness o' th' wee Leprechauns among up (nothin' personal MJ), it's a good bit o' Fun we'll be havin! Be sure ta join us fer all the up comin' festivities, or it's a floggin' with me shamrock (I'll keep me 'Shillelagh" (don't I wish)) ye'll be receivin'!! (Ow, I broke my brogue.)

Well, St. Patrick's Day is being heralded by WSD with a hoedown in San Francisco. Paul Marcum is calling, it's only $5.00, and you are gonna have a lot of fun! Let's go give WSD the support we've seen from those folks in the City. See the flyer for time (7:30 p.m.) and place (St. Paulus Lutheran Church — Gough and Eddy) and please remember if ya wear any green, no one will be able to pinch you (I'm just as glad club colors are teal and black ...no green there).

CONVENTION! April 12–15, Vancouver, B.C. If you've not signed up, DO IT NOW! Scheduled events, "extra–curricular activities" (those legal in public ...), fun badge tour, Whistler Mountain, Victoria — it's all there. Having visited that fair(y) city a time or two, I can honestly say there are some real sights to die for! The geography is not bad either. The convention excitement is building — it's going to be SO MUCH FUN. Check out the schedules/activities/possibilities (not to mention, getting an idea of when to schedule possible activities, or is that "active possibilities" of your own!) at dance night. This is really not to be missed. (Don't forget the "proof" that yer a U.S. citizen!)

ANNIVERSARY RETREAT! April 27–29, Fife's, Guerneville. This is coming together quite nicely. A number of folks have signed up — we need to have everyone committed to this (as opposed to those who need to be just plain committed ...) by March 21 (with your $25.00 per person deposit). Forms at dance night. If there's someone you particularly want to room with, either sign up together on the same form or indicate who that is on your form (ya do need that person's consent, however). One "favorably received" idea for Fife's is a BYO munchies picnic on the lawn by the pool (Good Idea, Mel!). As the schedule is not yet set in stone, please feel free to make other suggestions! We'll do all we can/want to (um, we're not talkin' individuals here ...).

TRANSITION — belatedly, but congratulations to this year's class — you are into Mainstream and going strong! Looks as though you'll be in fine form for convention and for Fife's. Note, too, that WSD's St. Paddy's Day Dance is geared right at you! So go! I'm "so excited" (thanks Tami —NYC) by the size [!], exuberance, and commitment of this class. It does brook well for the future of the club.

The Plus Class is finished! Great going and congratulations! Now you can really twirl your way to fame and fortune. I'm proud of y'all for sticking to the end (a small but hearty "stock"!). You've done well, you have. (St. Paddy's Dance is for you, too.)

Again, I have to say how thankful I am for the support and dedication of the class/club members. It makes all the work worthwhile. (In spite of my griping, bitching, and moaning, seeing the fun going on at hoedowns, dances, etc. gives me the incentive to see the next one through — in spite of my griping, bitching, and moaning about that one!) So, thank you all .... Head 'em up, move 'em out!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

See ya dancin'

— George

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# March Board Meeting Minutes

**March 7, 1990**

The meeting was held at Rich and Rick's home in Folsom. Those in attendance were Rick, Rich, Bill, Kenric, Kris, Cindy, and George. We started talking at 7:15 p.m.

Bill asked if the meetings could be held later in the month. If we do this, the newsletter could be published by the first week, and the calendar would be of more use. We agreed to the change.

Moving on ... Kenric was asked if it was possible to have advertisements in the newsletter. Several members would like to "network." We agreed it was a good idea. There will be no charge to our club members at this time for this service. Anyone interested in this needs to submit their information to Bill.

George informed us that he secured Coloma Center for our New Beginners' Hoedown on August 25th. He also said that Harlan is willing to call for our Wed. Fun Night on March 28th for $35 (half his normal fee). We voted to accept his offer. We will charge the dancers $2 and have a 50/50 raffle to cover the cost. We agreed that Harlan should call to the level of the floor, but no higher than full Plus, as CCS is sponsoring this event.

Kenric had an update on the new banner and the cost of getting it made. David Levy did an excellent job of getting estimates and details. The board voted to accept the bid submitted by J.K. Bonume Graphic Design. The banner will be silk screened on canvas–cotton. It will be 4 feet wide and 6 feet long. The dome of the capitol building will be hand–painted gold. The edges will be finished and ready for dowels. The total cost of the job will be $835 plus tax. George will coordinate with David to meet with the design company to order the work and pay the deposit. The board agreed to have weekly 50/50 raffles and to accept donations to defray this expense.

Kenric stated that several new members have questions about the upcoming elections. Bill will write an editorial to explain them in more detail.

We then went to the topic of "angels." It was agreed that we need to have written guidelines and a class for "angels" before our next new class begins.

Karl sent the following information via George: He will contact Joe Kula about calling for our dance in June. He is also organizing several fun things for the transition party for the Basic/Mainstream class. Kenric is sworn to secrecy!

We were asked if we could organize a social afternoon at Fife's. We thought a "bring your own lunch" to the pool area on Saturday would be nice. Let us know how you feel.

Mary Jo was not available to provide the bank account figures, but George had the latest statement from the bank. It showed a balance of $1,435.88. He also had the bill for our last dance at the school — $121.

FYI: The sound system cost $2,559.63. It was suggested that Karl demonstrate how to set up and use it to at least Robin, Kris, and George. We do not want to ruin it by putting plugs in the wrong places! [!!!]

Our next board meeting will be held on March 28th at Kenric's house at 6 p.m. The meeting in April will be at Bill and Michael's home on the 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

— Cindy

## Upcoming Events

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| Western Star Dancers' 8th Anniversary Dance | March 17 |
| Prime 8's A2 Workshops and Dance with Harlan Kerr | March 24 |
| Swing Thru Portland | April 6–8 |
| Move On To Seattle | April 9–11 |
| Northstar Promenade in Vancouver, B.C. | April 12–15 |
| CCS Russian River Retreat, The Woods | April 27–29 |
| CCS Graduation Workshops and Hoedown | June 9 |

# Dance Your Way to Stardom — CCS Board of Directors Spring Elections

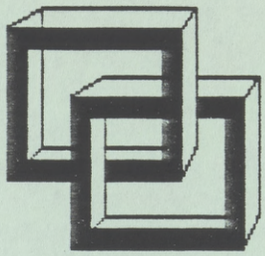
California is going to have an early spring Presidential primary. Not to be outdone, Capital City Squares has elections for its Board of Directors also in the spring.

Our board comprises two permanent members — Basic/Mainstream Class Instructor Karl Murray and Plus Class Instructor Kris Corbridge; one representative from the new basic/mainstream class, a position very ably filled by Kenric Brown until next year's new class elects a representative next fall; and five members elected by the membership of Capital City Squares .

At present, the five elected members of the board are George Fox, Cindy Sullivan, Mary Jo Semmelmayer, Rick Arts, and yours truly, Bill McCrory (my position on the board has nothing officially to do with my job as newsletter editor, a completely separate function). The term of office for elected members of the board is two years, but in order to avoid a whole new set of elected board members and to keep some sort of continuity, the terms of office are staggered, 3 newly elected board members one year and 2 the next. This year 3 board positions are open for election, those now held by George Fox, Cindy Sullivan, and Mary Jo Semmelmayer. Nominations are open for membership on the Board from March 1st through April 15th. The election itself will be held in the third week of April.

When one runs for membership on the Board of Directors, one runs for membership only. The jobs of Administrator (C.E.O.), Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chair, etc. are appointed by the newly constituted Board from amongst itself by May 1st.

Everyone is encouraged to run for one of the open positions on the board. It is a good opportunity to see how your club is run, to contribute your time and energy to the running of Capital City Squares, and to help shape the direction the club takes. Membership on the Board of Directors is time consuming and full of responsibility, but the experience is ultimately very worthwhile. So give the idea of running for the board some thought. Also, if you feel interested but can't see your way clear to running for the Board this year, by all means attend board meetings and consider running next year when 2 positions will be open. In any case, be sure to get your nominations in for the three positions open this year by April 15th.



# A Beginner's Perspective on "Angeling"

This beginner is very appreciative of the Angels that hover over us, while we're learning many, sometimes complex calls. They are invaluable in putting what we learn into practice.

But at the same time they can also become devils —— from a beginner's perspective. There's so much to remember, and so much happening at the same time.

- When an Angel gets off into excess flourishing and distractions, it becomes harmful to the beginner, to the square, to everyone.
- If you are dancing Basic, dance Basic. If you are dancing with hands up, keep them up.
- If you know what the next call is going to be, please wait for the call with everyone else in the square.

In the long run, we'll all be dancing the same soon enough. Again, I'm very appreciative of all our Angels. I just want to relay what many beginning dancers have expressed to me.

And we all know that an Angel is there for the beginners' benefit.

— Kenric Brown

## Dameon's Delights

[The following, neatly folded into a one inch square, was handed surreptitiously to your editor.]

Some of you new club members have not experienced the displeasure of being subject to (or the subject of) one of my disgusting, degrading, "tell nothing but the truth" columns, but rest assured, at some point in time I will slink around the corner and catch you scratching your ???? or groping some disgusting sleezebag, and will in full detail announce it to the world in the most slanderous and tasteless way possible. I've caught some of your fellow club members in the bushes, on buses, in motorhomes, and in very compromising entanglements. Of course, I never mention last names, but somehow everyone seems to be recognized by his or her friends.

Now, I'm sure most all of you would NEVER be caught holding your ankles, but then again, none of us would want to be ignorant of what really happens at our hoedowns and retreats; somebody has to do this for the betterment of us all. So, after much knee–begging, I agreed to write a column on rare occations to help the club know its members better.

Don't even think about a lawsuit; I've already been taken to the cleaners, and there's not much left but a few rhinestones and couple of pairs of stained lavender pantyhose.

I hope to see you all at the Convention this year; relax, get to kow new people, and have a wonderful time. If you don't, I won't have the trash necessary to fill this column.

Lust You All

— Dameon Walker

## The Banner Fund Needs You!

If you have read Cindy's March Board of Directors minutes, you will see that your club has committed itself to a rather large expenditure for the constructing of our new club banner. That is why the club will be engaging in more fund raising activities at future class nights, fun nights, and hoedowns.

One such activity will be 50/50 drawings at the regular dance nights, both class and fun. Also a banner fund can will be available for donations to offset the cost of a banner we can all be proud of.

So if you can, please contribute and join in on the 50/50 drawings.

Many thanks go to David Levy for designing the new banner. Let's get it built for Vancouver!

## March Birthdays

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| Jack Grayson | 3/1 |
| Fred Smith | 3/10 |
| Karl Murray | 3/15 |
| George Fox | 3/26 |
| Joy TeSelle | 3/29 |

**Western Star Dancers**

**8th Anniversary Dance**

featuring

**Paul Marcum**

**Celebrate the return of the**

*Gay 90's*

**Saturday, March 17**

**7:30–10:30**

**Saint Paulus Lutheran Church**

**Gough St. at Eddy St.**

**September Class & Plus Levels**

**$5.00 at the door**

**Capital City Squares should make a concerted effort to help them celebrate!**

# Prime 8's

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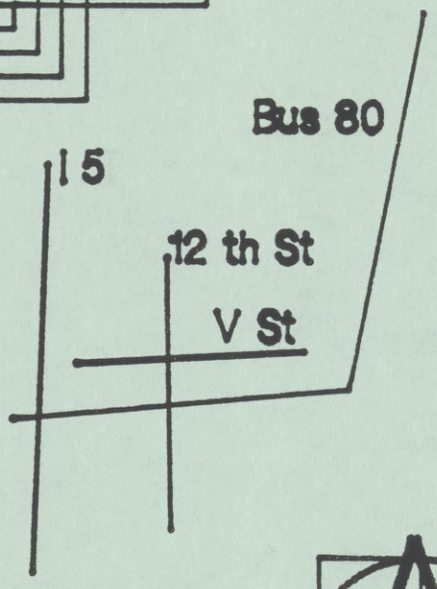


## Harlan Kerr

**A2 Workshop 1:00 .. 4:00 $2.00**

**and**

## 2 Dance

*With A2 Class Level Tips*

**7:00 .. 10:00 $5.00**

Saturday, March 24
William Land School
12th & V Streets
Sacramento, California
(916) 645-9306

# March 1990

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Nominations are open for 3 CCS Board member positions from March 1st to April 15th | | | | FCD Club Night 7:00-9:00 The Corral SF 1 | 2 | 3 |
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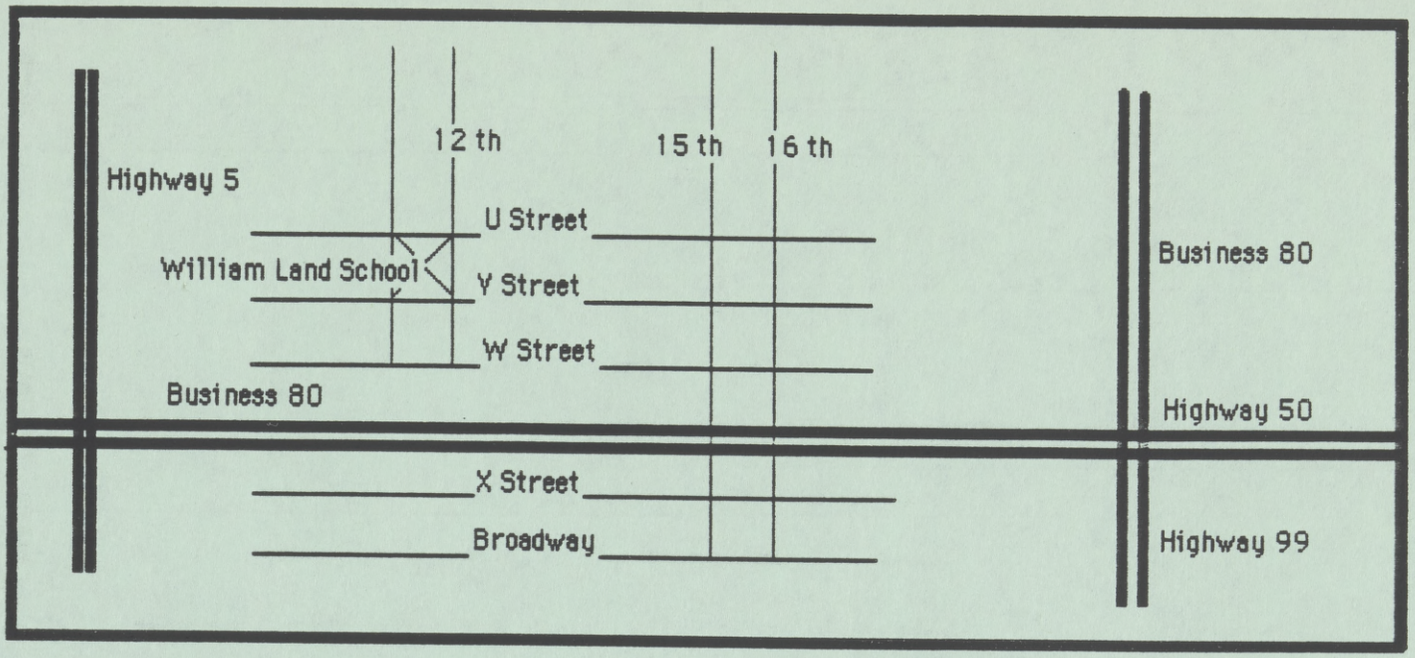
| MS Live Oak School SF FCD Club Night 7.00-9.00 The Corral SF 25 | WSD 7:30-9:30 EVRC SF Prime 8's 6.00-9.00 Wm Land School 26 | FCD Class Night 7:00-9:00 Live Oak School CCS Class night 7:00-10:00 Wm Land School 27 | CCS Fun Dance Night with Harlan Kerr 7-9 Wm Land School $2<br>ECR 7:30-9:30 St. Andrews Church Palo Alto 28 | FCD Club Night 7:00-9:00 The Corral SF 29 | 30 | 31 |

Camino Reelers) FCD (Foggy City Dancers) MS (Midnight Squares) WSD (Western Star Dancers) FVRC Eureka Valley Recreation

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